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New Vision in Works to Meet Base Expansion Opportunities Head On

Story by Rusty Baker

Within the next 24 months, approximately 1,500 additional members are expected to join the growing team on board Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas.

Sorted out, these 628 full-time military personnel and permanent civilians, and 871 guardsmen's, reservists and part-time civilians represent a significant factor impacting the

base's master plan for future personnel growth and expansion.

The influx in personnel is due, in part, to the Department of Defense's global position strategy reflected in the Base Realignment and Closure of 2005 that affected over 800 installations both nationally and overseas, relocating hundreds of joint-service personnel to the lone star state.

Other opportunities creating ex-

pansion were regional decisions from several branches of service. The 8th Marine Corps Recruiting District is constructing a new headquarters building here and moving 76 active-duty Marines and civilians on base. The Air Force Reserve's Total Force Integration expanded 301st Fighter Wing's capabilities by creating an active-duty associate that will detail 150 active-duty airmen here within the next two years.

NAS JRB Fort Worth is no stranger to BRAC, known as Carswell Air Force Base since the late 1940s, the base was closed in 1991 only to be restructured and reopened as the first joint reserve base on Oct. 1, 1994. While the base was closed, portions of its land both in and outside the fence line were given to the local community and other government agencies.

The base now operates on roughly 40 percent of the original land that Carswell was built on, yet calculations indicate that, with this new addition of personnel combined with approximately 10,500 servicemembers and civilians already stationed here, there may be a bigger footprint working on board the base now



Photo by MC2(AW) D. Keith Simmons

Hornets Find A New Nest

A plane captain from Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 112 directs the pilot of one of the two F/A-18 Hornets gained by MAG 41 from VMFA-142 out of NAS Atlanta

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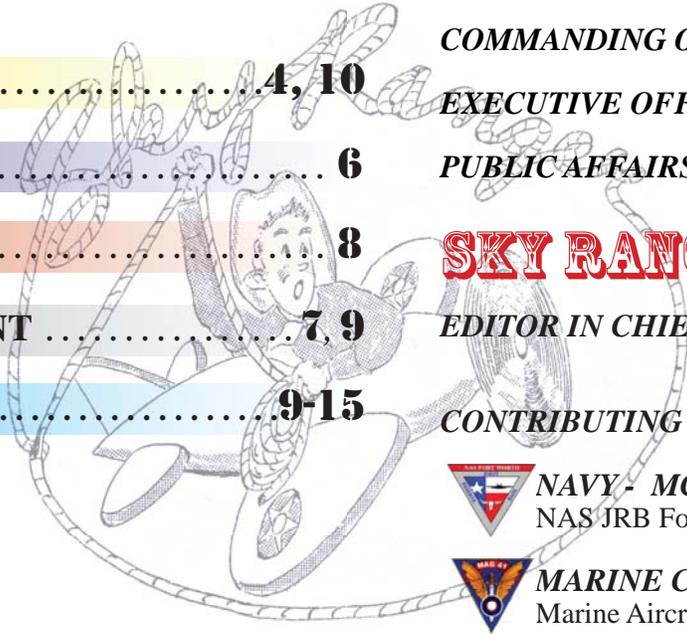
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A Message from the Skipper

Honor, Courage & Commitment

Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity & Personal Courage

Integrity First, Service Before Self & Excellence in All We Do

These are the core values for the Navy & Marine Corps, the Army and the Air Force, respectively. For warriors in each of these services, these words are more than a behavioral checklist or a set of priorities, they represent the nucleus of character expected from every person in every situation – they are held dear; they are universally respected; they set the framework for each service’s culture - every day.

How would things change if we approached safety the same way?

What would our accident rates look like if smart risk management was part of our expected behavior in all we do?

How many comrades could we save if we had our buddies’ backs with respect to being safe the same way we help ‘em stay honest, loyal, respectful, courageous and excellent?

Most of us work to continuously improve how we live up to our core values. What if we were committed to the same kind of growth in our approach to occupational health and safety?

Just a few thoughts.

As you venture off into a summer of fun, friends, food and fireworks; develop a passion to preserve those you know and love. Use the lessons we’re learning under our Voluntary Protection Program – VPP – to create a culture of safety at home like the one we’re building at work!

... or, in the colloquial wisdom of our NAS JRB Safety Officer, “take this stuff we are talking about at work and use it at home - when recreating, driving, honey-doing, etc.”



Partners In Growth

In the spirit of jointness, Public Works, NAVFAC and Walton Military Construction Company employees, Marines from 8th Marine Corps Recruiting District and the base commander dig in for the ground breaking ceremony of the newest addition to the base, the 8th MCRD Administrative Facility, due to open May 31st, 2009.



Photo By MC2(AW) D. Keith Simmons

than any other time in its existence.

NAS JRB Fort Worth has a growing trend of joint servicemembers, not only requesting orders to the base, but making it their last career stop and retiring here as well. The city of Fort Worth offers conveniences in commerce, culture and education that most military families don't see while stationed in or around typical installations. Several defense contractors and government agencies inhabit the area and offer excellent second career opportunities for prior servicemembers.

As Fort Worth has become a hot-spot destination for servicemembers, base housing has become a high desire for active-duty families who like the economic benefits that living on or near the base entails.

"We've squeezed in a few people in the 83 housing units on base, but we are the only installation in [Naval Region Southeast] that is at 100 percent capacity and that send people away because we're full," said Capt. T.D. Smyers, Commanding Officer of NAS JRB Fort Worth.

"In typical Navy fashion, we've adapted," said Smyers. "We max'd out our housing, so we set up an office to help our families find housing in the community; when the base closed, our hospital was given to the Bureau of Prisons, now we use Tricare and chose our doctors out in town."

Along with the influx in personnel, each branch of service has either started or is set to operationally impact the next two years of base expansion with the addition of both aviation and non-aviation assets and support.

The Navy will add maintenance components to its growing aviation intermediate maintenance department of Fleet Readiness Center West, four C-9B Skytrain II aircraft from Fleet Logistic Support Squadron 46, one C-12 Huron aircraft from Commander Fleet Logistics Wing, and the command and staff of Commander Tactical Support

Corps Recruiting District has broken ground on their new headquarters building and is scheduled to open on the contract date of May 31, 2009.

The Army has already brought on board the 158th Aviation Regiment, an intermediate-level helicopter maintenance squadron. Other Army aviation additions will include a detachment of C-12 Huron aircraft, and the administratively-connected personnel of the 90th Aviation Support Detachment located in nearby White Settlement, Texas.

In addition to the Active Duty



Photo by Rusty Baker

More Falcons In Fort Worth

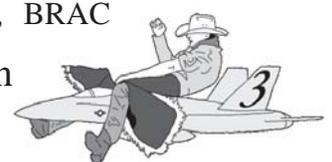
The 301st Fighter Wing gained 9 additional F-16s, which were originally built across the runway at Lockheed Martin

Wing.

Marine Aircraft Group 41 has gained two F/A-18 Hornets from NAS Atlanta based Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 142; while the 8th Marine

Fighter Associate Program personnel augmentees, BRAC

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Sea Cadet Uses CPR In Life Saving Emergency

Story by MC2(AW) D. Keith Simmons

A person is driving to work and sees a man jogging on the side of the road. A moment after they pass him, they check their rear view mirror and see him collapse to the ground. What should they do?

Jon Herron, a sixteen-year-old, certified life guard and sea cadet from the Lone Star Squadron, U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps based at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, knew exactly what to do.

Jon had attended the Ellis and Associates Life Guard Certification Course at the Coppell Aquatic and Recreation Center in Coppell, Texas, in early April. One of the first lessons learned by the students was the life saving technique known as cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Amazingly, Jon had received this training only a few days before the dramatic ordeal.

On the last day of the course, Jon's mother, Bliss Herron was driving Jon to class when they saw the man collapse to the ground. Jon could tell that something wasn't right. The man hadn't simply tripped on his shoe laces. The fall was more traumatic. She immediately turned the car around and Jon dialed 911

from a cell phone.

The man lay there motionless. Jon handed the cell phone to his mother and got out the pocket mask that was given to him at the CPR training just a few days before. When she stopped the car, Jon jumped out and ran to the man. He checked for the man's pulse and breathing, but there was none. With the emergency operator on the line, Bliss was able to inform dispatch of the location and situation.

His training was still fresh in his mind so without hesitation, he began administering CPR. He located the correct placement of his hands, initiated chest compressions and monitored rescue breathing.

Fortunately, there was a fire department close by and emergency medical technicians were on the



Photo Courtesy Bliss Herron

scene within a few minutes. When they arrived, they saw that Jon was properly trained and encouraged him to continue the chest compressions. It wasn't until they put the man on the gurney that he was relieved by the EMTs.

Bliss said her son has always been interested in a career as a fire fighter and she is very proud of him and amazed at the timing and circumstances of the whole event.



250 THOUSAND

number of people in the Armed Forces who are CPR certified annually

43%

sudden cardiac arrest victims that survive when CPR is initiated within four minutes

75-80%

of all sudden cardiac arrests occur at home, so learning CPR could help you save a loved one

2005 caused 301st FW to absorb nine more F-16 Fighting Falcons from other wings, bringing their assigned aircraft numbers to 27.

“We still have space to expand operationally, but we can’t handle the growth of people within the boundaries of the base anymore, unless we partner with the local community,” said Smyers. “We need a vision for this base that grows us back into the whole, not just the industrial plant, which takes care of the human aspect.”

Commander Naval Installations Command, the Navy’s Shore Integrator for Navy Shore Vision 2035, suggests that in cases like NAS JRB Fort Worth, where space is already maximized and security forces are strained, future paradigms may focus on mission-critical infrastructure and operational services being enclaved within the security of the base’s fence line, while people-oriented facilities, like base housing, the commissary and ex-

change, and the clinic and pharmacy, are moved off base for easier access within the local community where the majority of the servicemembers and retirees already live and call home.

With Navy Shore Vision 2035 (NAV2035) in mind, Capt. Smyers has called for an off-site strategic planning committee of all major departments and military tenants of the base to meet to discuss and update the base master plan with a grand strategy for generations to come.

“We are about to embark on this journey with the city of Fort Worth and the local areas. The first step of this, we’re going to get our hands around the strategy ourselves,” Smyers said.

The desired effect of NAV2035 is to optimize and enhance installations’ support capabilities and quality of service. Innovation change with the help of public private partnerships and enhanced use leasing should be maximized in situations like NAS JRB Fort

Worth.

There are 79 installations in the Navy’s 13 regions world wide. Each installation’s plan in the vision will be inherently different, so the vision allows for agility in each base to create a shore infrastructure that can be readily adaptable as the fleet mission evolves.

As NAV2035 serves as the blueprint for the Navy’s shore readiness transformation, awe-inspiring opportunities abound in the long-term future of our joint services and the Fort Worth community.

“Although changes will start in the near future, it may be difficult to see the end state during my time here, or even during my successor’s command. This vision will come together 15 or 20 years from now, said Smyers. “But, with a team-strategy approach applied now, our decisions made today will be driven by an intelligent, long-term vision for our future.”



Photo Courtesy Dave McKenna

Volunteers Get Star Treatment From USO And Indy Racing Series Drivers

Sixty servicemembers from NAS JRB volunteered to assist the USO and Texas Motor Speedway with the unfurling of the U.S. and Texas flags in front of 90,000 fans during opening ceremonies for the Bombardier Learjet 550 Indy Race held June 7. Earlier that day, the volunteers enjoyed seeing the Indy cars up close in the garage and pits areas, meeting drivers Danica Patrick, Marco Andretti, Tony Kanaan and Victor Meira, and later enjoyed the Indy race from the grand stands and infield.



Do Your Research Before Going To The Car Lot

Story by Mr. Thomas E. Wallace, Esq.
Deputy Director of Legal Assistance for
Region Legal Service Office Southeast

Many servicemembers and their families will take advantage of the nice weather this summer to shop for a car. Whether you are buying a new or used car, it is important to do your research before you even head for the car lot. Many car buying mistakes can be avoided by researching, planning and creating a strategy ahead of time. Our offices see many people who bought their car on a whim or impulse and who never adequately assessed the purchase. Without advance planning and comparison shopping, you are an easy target at your local car dealership.

First, you need to figure out how much money you can spend on your automobile purchase. This sounds obvious, but I can tell from our clients that very few people do this step and end up paying more for a car than what they should. This step includes choosing the options you want on the vehicle and estimating the fair price of each option, before car shopping.

Second, once you have an idea of what you can afford, you can then start determining what types of cars fit your budget and that you would be happy to drive. Buyer's remorse, in my experience, happens more often when the consumer does not do research in advance and pays more than what the

car is worth, or more than the consumer can afford. If you have not done your own independent research through edmunds.com, Kelley Blue Book online, or some other independent resource to determine the true value of a car, you should not be car shopping. Additionally, if you are going to finance the purchase of your car instead of paying cash, you will almost always do better arranging for your own financing before going to the car lot and not relying on the

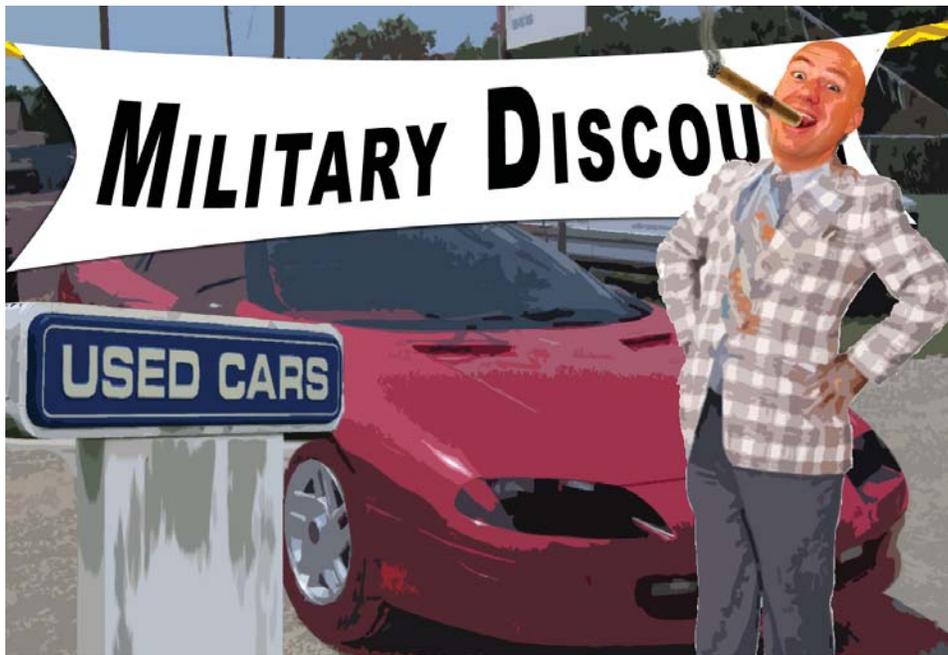
The problem is that the car does not become yours until the financing is approved. When this type of arrangement goes bad, the consumer is often pressured into signing a new contract with less favorable terms.

If you are buying a used car, you certainly should do a CarFax report on the vehicle to find out if the vehicle was involved in an accident or has some other defect. Beware—you cannot rely on such reports alone. There is no substitute for hav-

ing a mechanic or a friend with such ability look at the car before you buy, to evaluate its condition or to uncover evidence of prior accidents. You do not want to buy a used car only to determine after purchasing the car that it will need to have a new transmission installed, for example. Carefully consider whether the car comes with a warranty or wheth-

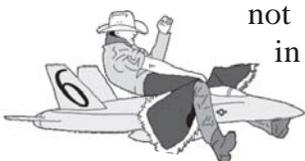
er you want to purchase one to cover the used car. Carefully read such warranties to figure out exactly what items are covered.

There are many other pitfalls in purchasing both new and used cars, but they cannot all be discussed in this article. If you think that you may be in the market for a car in the future, consult our offices for advice on what to avoid and how to come up with a sound car buying strategy. Or, request your command to invite us to do a car buying clinic at your command by calling (817) 782-6009



dealership for financing. Also, research the dealer through the Better Business Bureau online or some other source to determine if its history of customer service is a good one.

A common arrangement used when the dealership is financing your car purchase is the "spot delivery." In this transaction, you sign various documents leading you to believe that a firm contract price has been reached. In reality, all you have signed is the application for financing, which may not be approved until well after you have left the lot with what you think is your new car.



Congratulations To The Spring 2008 Navy Advancement Exam Selectees

ADKINS JEREMY	MA2	MCCLAIN JOHNNY	AME2
ALEXANDER DARRIN.....	AM3	MICKETT ERIC	AD1
ALLEN JUSTIN	MA3	MOODY CHRISTOPHER	ATO3
BENDER JASON	AT1	PELLUM KENRYCK	AT1
BETT EUSTACE.....	HM2	PETTY JOHN	AME2
BIAS HOWARD III.....	MA3	PINARDI DAVID	AM3
BLAND BARRY	SK3	PLAUD AARON	AM3
BRODDY DAVID	AS1	PRENDERGAST MEGAN	SK3
BRYANT ELLIS	AEAN	REBULTAN MARILYN	SK2
CALLEJA JOSE	AM2	RESTREPO MICHAEL	SK2
CAMERON ZACHARIAH	AT2	ROSAS ERIK	YN3
CASUM CHRISTOPHER	AM2	RICHMOND JAMES	AE2
CAUDILL JAMES	MA3	ROBINSON JOSHUA	PR2
CONLEY CRYSTOFERLEE	CS3	ROBINSON RACHEL	ATO3
COUNTRYMAN MELISSA	AM1	ROGERS CRYSTAL.....	AC1
CROUCH CHAD	AT1	RUSSELL DEWITT	AO3
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DELACRUZ JOSE	AM2	SAULSBURY KOLBY	AD2
DELAURETIS STEEHLY.....	AZ2	SCHEDULE CASEY.....	SK2
DUARTE RICHARD.....	MA2	SEWELL WILLIAM	AZ2
ESPINOZALOPEZ MARIA	AO3	SPRADLIN JOSHUA	MA2
FELICIANOFRESSE ELIAS	AT3	SPRIGGS DAVID	AMAN
FISCHER GREGORY	AT2	TABB DEMETRIUS	SK3
GOLER GREGORY	AME3	TILLOTSON MICHAEL	SK2
HART BRANDON	AM3	TOPPING WILLIAM	MA2
HAYWORTH DUSTIN.....	ET1	TURNER TRAVIS	AT3
HICKS JASON	PR1	ULRICH STEVEN	SK2
HILL RUSSELL IV.....	AT3	VANDERWARKER PATRICK.....	AM1
HOWARD ANTOINE.....	AME3	VAZQUEZ ANTHONY.....	MA3
HUITRON KRYSTLE	AT1	WALL CHRISTOPHER	AT3
JONES CORNELIOU	AC3	WALLACE JVON.....	YN2
KELLER BEN.....	AE2	WARREN BOBBY II	SK2
KITTING DAVID	ATO1	WILL STEPHEN.....	AME1
LOCHARD RAINARD	YN3	YATES DONALD	AT2
LOPEZ JOSEPH	AO3		



VMGR-234 Returns From African Lion In Morocco

Story by Sgt. Beth Zimmerman Still, MAG-41 PAO



The last of a detachment of Marines from Fort Worth, Texas-based Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 234 returned on June 25 from a deployment to Kenitra, Morocco, for bilateral training with the Moroccan Royal Air Force.

Exercise African Lion 08 included members from several different branches of U.S. and Moroccan military conducting both air and ground training. According to Master Sgt. Andrzej Wyszynski, VMGR-234's senior enlisted Marine for the deployment, the "Rangers," who fly the KC-130T Hercules, conducted low-level formation flying with Moroccan KC-130s and aerial refueling with Moroccan F-5s.

"Just being able to do joint operations is a great thing, we get a lot of satisfaction training with these guys," Wyszynski said. The deployment offered "time to interact with another country's military and see how they operate and learn what they do – and they can learn from us."

The squadron's capability for aerial refueling pro-

vided invaluable training for the Moroccans, who are scheduled to receive in-flight refueling systems for their aircraft later this year, according to Gunnery Sgt. Stephon Stollfus, who deployed with the squadron's maintenance control section.

"For the most part, the Moroccans try to learn from us," Stollfus said. Some of the Moroccans flew in the squadron's Hercules as it refueled the Moroccan F-5s – a close and personal view of what they'll need to do to accomplish their mission when they have refueling capabilities, Stollfus said.

The exercise also provided a learning opportunity for members of VMGR-234, according to Stollfus. "Our Marines get to see what other countries have to use as far as equipment and facilities," he said. "They get to compare... and I hope they come away with a better understanding on why we do things the way we do."



Photo courtesy Sgt. John Sabarese, VMGR-234

Joint Training In The Skies Over Africa

A Royal Moroccan Air Force F-5 Tiger II receives fuel from a KC-130T Hercules from Fort Worth, Texas-based Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 234 on June 11 during exercise African Lion in Morocco.





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USAF: <http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil/civemploy/>

Eagles Soon To Have A Presence On Board NAS JRB

NAS JRB Fort Worth is going through another growth spurt generated by BRAC 2005 with the gain of Fleet Logistics Support Squadron 46 (VR-46) "Eagles" from NAS Atlanta next month.

Initially, the VR-46 presence here will be relatively small with one C-9B aircraft and about 25 squadron members. Although by this time next year, around May, their remaining three aircraft and full-time personnel, along with some Reservists, will permanently relocate from Atlanta to Fort Worth.

With this move to Fort Worth, not all of the current VR-46 Reservists are electing to transfer with the squadron, so VR-46 will have vacant Reservist positions to fill. Any Navy Reservist interested in affiliating with VR-46 should contact AMEC (AW/SW) Leal Shumaker to discuss a position with the squadron. Chief Shumaker may be reached at e-mail address: anthony.

shumaker@navy.mil. He anticipates the interview process will begin 17 August.

VR-46 is one of 14 logistical support squadrons that report to Commander Fleet Logistics Support Wing, headquartered right here at NAS JRB Fort Worth. Unlike the traditional role of Reserve forces, the Naval Air Reserve VR community provides continual worldwide air logistics support to the fleet. Recently, the community expanded its range of coverage and demonstrated its commitment to joint service by aligning itself with the Joint Operational Support Airlift Command for scheduling. VR squadrons are in a constant state of readiness, regularly deploying to the Mediterranean and Western Pacific. This readiness proved vital when squadrons were deployed in

support of Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom to provide around-the-clock logistics support to the fleet.

The Commanding Officer of VR-46 is Commander Robert Fryer.

From the NAS JRB Fort Worth joint team to VR-46, we say "welcome aboard. We look forward to when your entire squadron will be in place and can call Fort Worth home."



NAS JRB FORT WORTH DESTRUCTIVE WEATHER WARNING MATRIX

CONDITION	WARNING	MEANING	ACTION
Tornado Warning	A three-minute steady siren is sound from the Giant Voice system. Also, from NOAA weather radio or the media (web, radio, TV)	A Tornado is imminent or is occurring within the warning area.	Take cover immediately! Indoors: move to an interior room or hallway on the lowest floor and get under a sturdy piece of furniture, stay away from windows. Outdoors: Do not try to outrun a tornado in your vehicle; instead, leave it immediately and find cover indoors (if possible) or lie flat in a ditch or depression.
Tornado Watch	An announcement over the Giant Voice system, by telephone, e-mail, NOAA weather radio or the media (web, radio, TV)	Conditions are favorable for the severe weather event in or near the watch area.	Continue to monitor weather sources and be prepared to take action (such as move indoors) if necessary.
Severe Thunderstorm Condition I (T1)	An announcement over the Giant Voice system or by telephone.	Severe thunderstorms are imminent and are on station or are expected within one hour, or are within ten nautical miles	Secure outside items and seek cover indoors. Continue to monitor weather sources and be prepared to take further action if necessary.
Severe Thunderstorm Condition II (T2)	An announcement over the Giant Voice system or by telephone.	Severe thunderstorms are possible within six hours or are within 25 nautical miles relative to storm movement.	Continue to monitor weather sources and be prepared to take action (such as move indoors) if necessary.



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Hello,

This is MA1(SW) Ortiz, Christopher R. and I am currently stationed onboard the USNS Mercy on a Humanitarian Mission called Pacific Partnership 2008 destined for several countries for medical support and health aid.

Our mission is to provide mobile surgical hospital service for use by appropriate U.S. Government agencies in disaster or humanitarian relief or limited humanitarian care incident to these missions or peacetime military operations. You can visit the USNS Mercy website and click on the Pacific Partnership 2008 link for a detailed description of our mission.

I am currently the Patrol/Training LPO for the Security Force onboard the Mercy. I arrived onboard 08APR08. I volunteered for this assignment because I feel it will be a great experience in my military career and in my life to be able to help others who are less fortunate than me and my shipmates. This is one of the main reasons I continue to serve in this great Navy and am so proud of the country I am a part of.

I am married to my wife Yoko and have two beautiful children named Noah and Kayla who I have left behind there in NAS JRB FT Worth. I want to wish the best to my fellow sailors who are also away on an IA and their families.

V/R,
MA1(SW) Ortiz, Christopher R.
MTF SECURITY, USNS MERCY (T-AH 19)



LETTERS FROM THE SANDBOX

Prior to deployment, MA1(SW) Ortiz was the Patrol Shift Watch Commander for the NAS JRB Security Department.

Mercy Mission Offers Hands-On Training

Story by MC1(SW) Katherine Sanchez
Joint Special Operations Task Force-Philippines Public Affairs

COTABATO CITY, Philippines (NNS) -- USNS Mercy's (T-AH 19) medical team were able to provide nurses, nursing students, doctors and other local Filipinos working in various areas of the medical field, training that covered several topics of medicine, medical care and medical equipment during 10 days beginning June 1.

A series of lectures and hands-on training was held at Cotabato Regional Medical Center.

Day one of the training began shortly after Mercy pulled in to port in the southern Philippines. Each day began with a group of approximately 22 of Mercy's top medical professionals setting out to the hospital for a full day of medical lectures and training. Daily, more than 200 people signed-up and attended courses which among other medical-related topics, included industrial hygiene, environmental health, basic life support, advanced life support, HIV awareness, lab equipment overview and medical equipment repair and maintenance.

A team of 12 Biomedical Repair Technicians (BMET), split into two six-person teams to repair hospital equipment and machines including electro surgical units, ultrasound machines, infusion pumps, patient monitors and ventilation systems. As they worked to fix the equipment, the BMET team, through a hands-on approach, ensured the hospital staff learned how to do the repairs themselves and how to conduct preventive maintenance to keep it in good working order.

According to BMET Team Leader, Chief Hospital Corpsman (SW) Alfredo Fontimayor, the repairs they made will save the hospital several thousands of dollars by eliminating the need to hire outside technicians. In addition, the preventive maintenance training the teams provided will, over time, result in further savings for the hospital.

"Through hands-on training, we taught the system operators how to repair and maintain their equipment and machines," said Fontimayor. "It will benefit them greatly, help-

ing them understand how to operate, fix and maintain their machines and save a lot of money."

Fontimayor, a Filipino-American who was also part of the Mercy crew to visit the Philippines in 2006, said it was a privilege for him to return to the Philippines on this mission.

"It's an honor to come back to the Philippines, back to my roots, and be able to share this knowledge with my fellow Filipinos," Fontimayor said.

Lt. Cdmr. April Scheunemann, a training officer from Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton, worked closely with Nimia P. Juanday, the hospital's nurse training officer, and the hospital staff to coordinate the lectures and classes after being contacted by the hospital to provide this service.

Juanday explained that the majority of the people who registered for the courses were nurses and nursing students, but participants also included physicians, firefighters, midwives and rescue team members.

"All of the participants are pleased and appreciative of this new knowledge to help them care for their patients," Juanday said.

The team repaired 107 pieces of biomedical equipment, saving the hospital an estimated \$1,138,310.



Photo by MC3 Joshua Valcarcel





Photo By MC2(AW) D. Keith Simmons

While in Dallas to promote her new movie, "Kit Kittredge: An American Girl", Oscar® nominee Abigail Breslin ("Little Miss Sunshine") stopped to read to military children in the base library. Her new movie is based upon a popular children's book series.

Competitive Sourcing Update: Non-guard Security Agency Tender To Be Implemented



By Mary Anne Broderick Tubman
Region Southeast Public Affairs

Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) received approval May 19 from the Department of Defense Competitive Sourcing Official, Department of the Undersecretary of Defense, Installations and Environment, to implement the agency tender, which is the government bid, for the Non-Guard Security support activities at 80 Navy installations identified in the solicitation.



This decision is based on the fact that no satisfactory private sector responses to the solicitation were received. Competition must exist for a low-cost performance decision to be made.

In the next step of the process, the contracting officer will determine that the agency tender meets all specifications outlined in the solicitation at a realistic price.

Employee briefings will be conducted to communicate the results of this evaluation. In the meantime, updates will be published on the CNIC Web site:

https://www.cni.navy.mil/cnic_hq_site/CompetitiveSourcing/index.htm

The option to submit questions on the Web site is also available, and answers will be posted.

Collect All Three!



New Core Values posters available on the NMCI share drive at [Cni\\$\(S:\)/FTWO/PublicAffairs/Posters](mailto:Cni$(S:)/FTWO/PublicAffairs/Posters).

Honor is displayed on this month's back page.



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VPP Comes To NAS JRB Fort Worth With 72 Hour Liberty Award

By Cmdr. Jeff Fujisaka

In an effort to improve the health and safety atmosphere across all commands here at NAS JRB Fort Worth, Commanding Officer, Captain T.D. Smyers has opened the front gate to the Voluntary Protection Program, and we need your help. For those of you that are unfamiliar with the term VPP, simply put it is a fundamental shift in the thought process of health and safety both in the work place and at home. This shift requires management leadership and meaningful employee involvement in safety and health at work to include analysis of worksite hazards, hazard prevention and control, and management and employee safety and health training. But more than just these things, it requires each individual to commit to CULTURE of health and safety. It must become a way of life to the point that each employee is willing to get more involved in identifying hazards, correcting coworker shortfalls, finding effective solutions, and reporting that information to their supervisor. It will then be leadership's responsibility to commit the necessary resources and ensure the proper corrections are completed.

To get the thought process started, we are looking for the most creative "Catch Phrase" to get VPP into the minds of everyone on base. While somebody made Millions on the catch phrase, "Nike, Just Do It" we can only offer the person with the winning submission a 72 hour special liberty pass (subject to coordination with

your supervisor) as well as the fame and notoriety that goes with it. Please submit your "Catch Phrase" entry via your supervisor for routing to CDR Jeff Fujisaka at Jeffrey.fujisaka@navy.mil. Deadline for submissions is 15 July 2008. The top 5 entries as determined by the base staff, each of which will receive a 24 hour special liberty pass, will be put to popular vote throughout the base and the Commanding Officer will announce the final winner once the voting is complete. Feel free to submit as many phrases as you can dream up.

The leadership of the base desires every employee working here to have a safe and healthy work environment, ensuring the safe return back to your home at the close of the business day. To that end, we hope each and every employee will grasp VPP not only as a work tool, but as a way of life both on and off the job. It will take the desire to work safely and the belief that you can achieve a higher level of safety performance. It is leadership's job to set the expectation and assure everyone that it matters. Then, if each person focuses his or her knowledge on really making safety a priority and applying these tools, we here at NAS JRB Fort Worth can lower our injury counts. Stay tuned for more information. Talk to your supervisor to learn more and find out how you can enter your "Catch Phrase" submissions and help make VPP a way of life for here at NAS JRB Fort Worth.

New Program Recognizes Personal Initiative

Photo and Story by MC2(AW) D. Keith Simmons

NAS JRB Fort Worth will be taking nominees for the new "Taking Charge of Safety" award form that anyone can submit to the base Safety department.

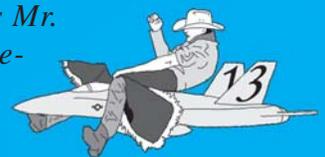
"We screen submissions to make sure they are not insignificant to the point that they are "laughable", said Safety Director Troy Cotten.

One example of what the department doesn't want to see is a fireman putting out a smoldering cigarette in an ash tray, that hardly deserves a safety award. Submissions should be for someone going out of their way to eliminate a hazard, report a hazard if they can't fix it on the spot, or coming up with an idea that significantly improves the safety of a work center or high traffic area on base, said Cotten.

Awardees will receive \$5 "safety buck" certificates, redeemable at MWR establishments on base. Department heads, and Command Executives are authorized to sign the form, which is available electronically from the Safety department.



The recipient of the July 2008 award is Mr. Roger Green from the NAS JRB Fire Department



Lonestar Express To Hold Twentieth Change Of Command Ceremony

Story by Lt. Cmdr. Ian Hawley

The executive officer of Fleet Logistics Support Squadron 59 (VR-59) will take command of squadron here July 12 at 10:00 a.m. during a change-of-command ceremony in their hangar, Building 1050.

Cmdr. Craig Oldham will succeed Cmdr. Larry Strobel, who is stepping down after serving over seven years with the “Lonestar Express.”

In 1990, Oldham received his commission in the Navy at the Aviation Officer Candidate School in Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla. He earned his wings in 1991 at NAS Whiting, Fla., and was selected to pilot the SH-60B Seahawk helicopter. His first assignment was with the “Grandmasters” of Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light 46 (HSL-46) based in Mayport, Fla.

Upon completion of his first sea tour, then Lt. Oldham was assigned as the Officer-In-Charge (OIC) of Commander Helicopter Squadron Light Wing Atlantic Detachment located at NAS Sigonella, Italy.

Cmdr. Oldham was designated as Full Time Support in the Navy Reserve May of 1999 and reported to HSL-94 at NAS Willow Grove, Pa. In August of 2000, he transitioned to the C-130 Hercules cargo aircraft at VR-54, the “Revelers,” based in NAS New Orleans. In August of 2004 Cmdr. Oldham reported back the Revelers as their OIC.

Cmdr. Oldham assumed the duties as executive officer of VR-59 in May of 2007. He has accumulated over 3,600 flight hours in the C-40A Clipper, C-130 and SH-60B during his aviation career.

Base Implements New Access Control Policy

Story by Lt. Cmdr. E. Lombard

NAS JRB Fort Worth is implementing a new access control policy. It's designed to provide better screening of people requesting access to base and verify the identification and legal immigration work status of workers.

The new policy classifies all personnel coming onboard the installation by categories and their source of sponsorship. Military members, retirees and their dependents are self-sponsoring and will not see a change to the way they access the base. The changes will also be transparent to Civil Servants and civilian tenant employees since their employment on the base will serve as their source of sponsorship.

The largest impact will be to contract workers and vendors who have no affiliation with the Department of Defense other than the contracts to perform work on the base. While the contracts to perform work are the source of sponsorship in coming onboard the installation, these categories of individuals will have to undergo background checks prior to being granted access.

The prime contractor will provide information for each of his contract employees to the Government Contracting Officer (who is either a military member or government employee).

This information is verified by the Government Contracting Officer and then forwarded to the Security Department. This employment verification serves as the sponsorship authority. To actually gain access to the installation, each of the contractor's employees will then have to complete an access request form providing personal information, show an appropriate Government ID, provide appropriate immigration documentation and have their photo taken. This step needs to be completed at least 4 working days in advance to allow time for security to complete the mandatory background check.

The source of these changes comes from the implementation of Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12, Policy for a Common Identification Standard for Federal Employees and Contractors, signed August 5, 2005. That policy outlines specific requirements for all persons who access Federally controlled facilities to include Department of Defense installations.

While there are no major changes to hosting business guests and other groups on board, please check with the Security Department if you plan on sponsoring visitors onboard in the near future.



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